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WELCOME TO THE SONIC UNIVERSE - A UNIVERSE UNIQUE AND BEYOND WHAT YOU KNOW FROM THE SEGA GAMES, WHERE ONE LONE FREEDOM FIGHTER IS ON A QUEST FOR POWER, NO MATTER WHAT SHE MUST SACRIFICE ALONG THE WAY...

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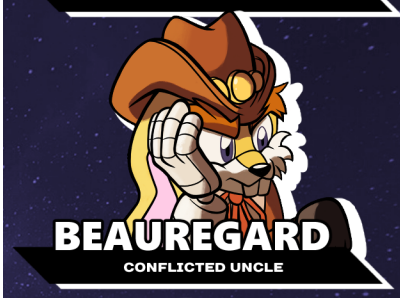
The last several months have been a trying time for Freedom Fighter Bunnie D'Coolette. Her long-lost uncle was revealed to be a slave to the Eggman Empire, her best friend was roboticized, and she was nearly killed in the crossfire of Ixis Naugus' crystal magic. The wizard king's attempt to undo the injury inadvertently restored Bunnie to her flesh and blood self, which proved to shatter her spirit completely when she was powerless to save her husband Antoine from an exploding Metal Sonic. At the end of her rope, she leaves New Mobotropolis in a lapse of judgement, seeking some semblance of comfort from the only family she has left...



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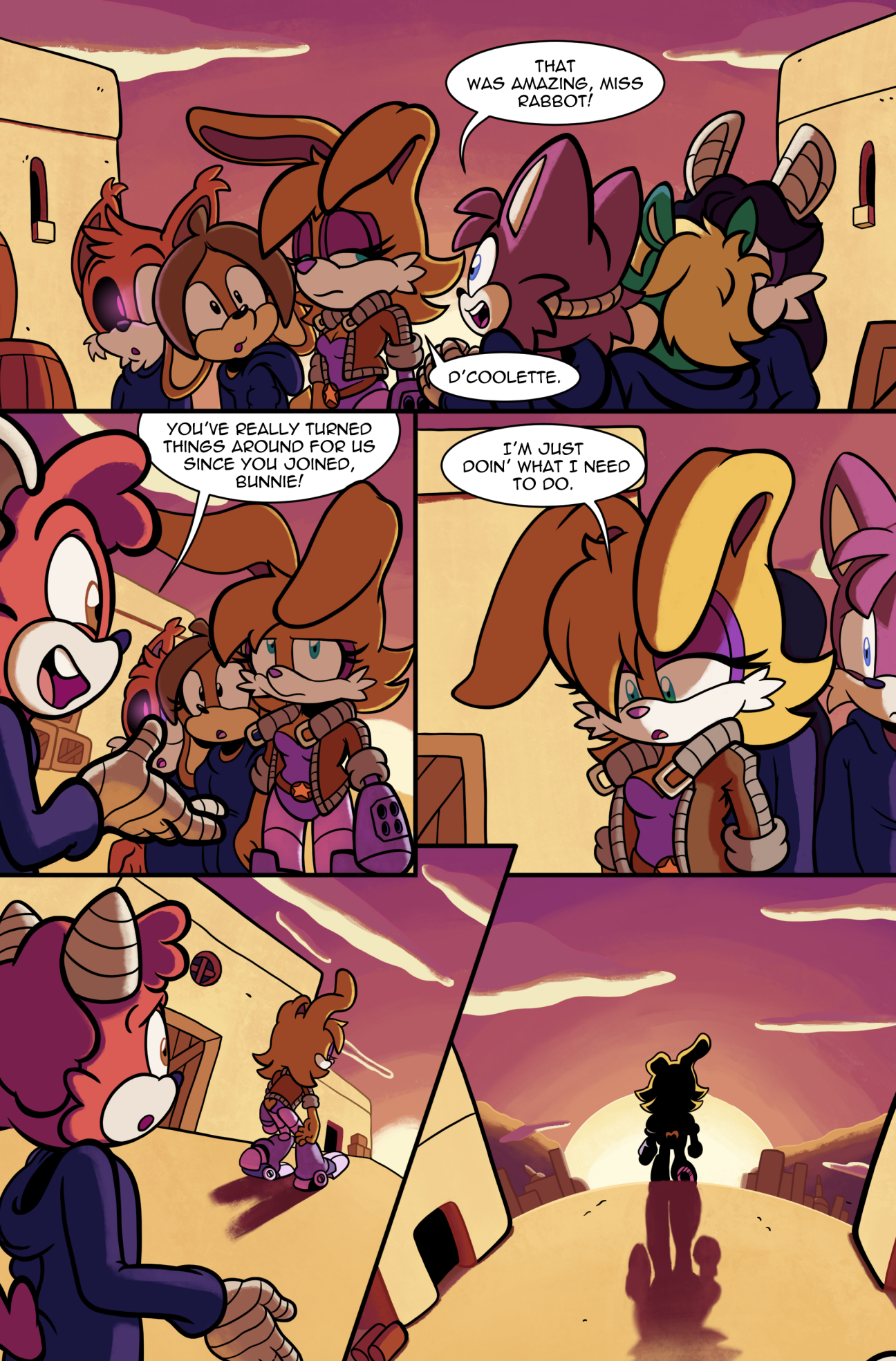
THE GREAT DESERT...
LOOKS LIKE YOU'VE GOT NOWHERE ELSE TO TURN, SCUM.
GAH!
THWAP
WHERE DID THAT--?

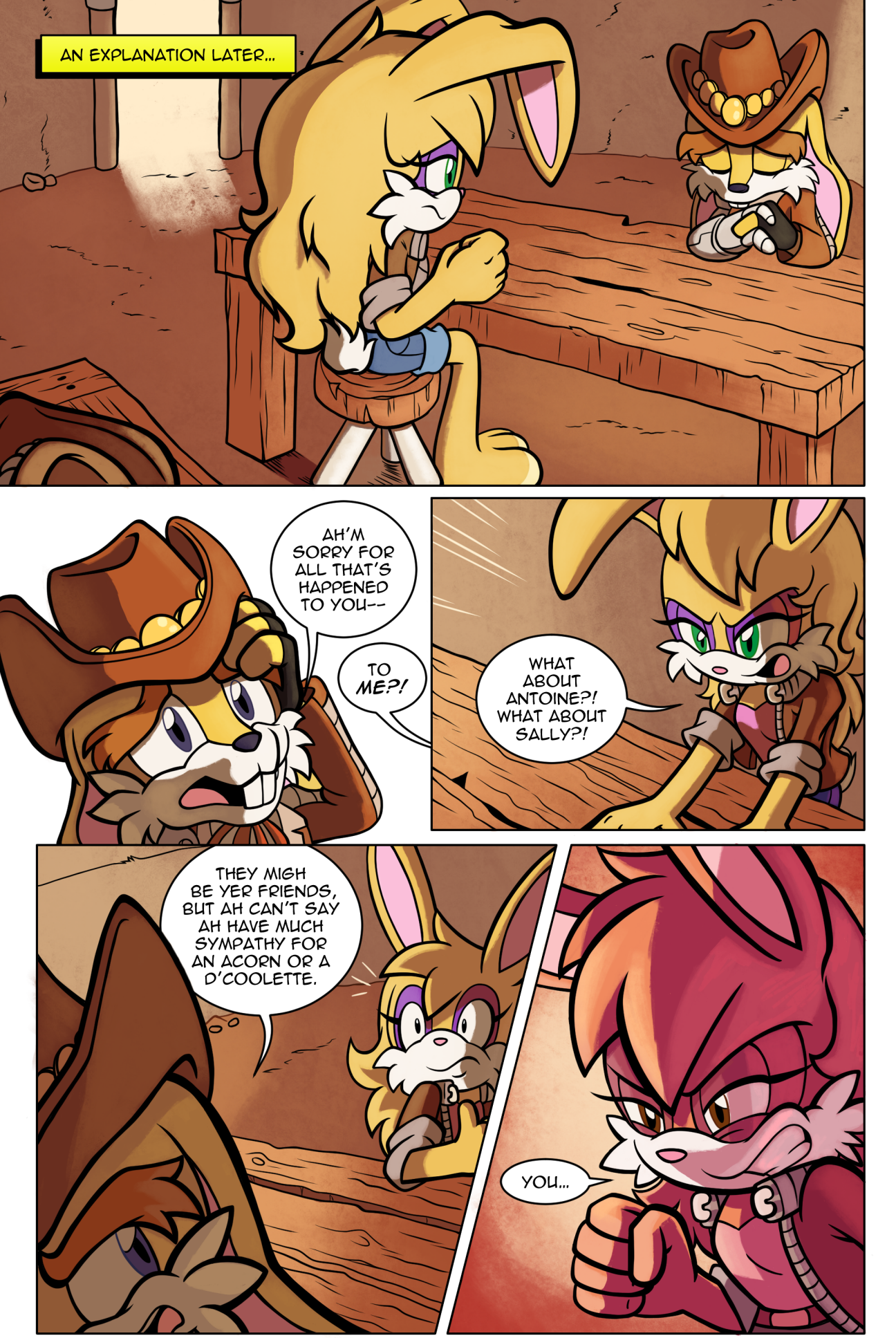
POWER STRUGGLE
Part One: LOW BATTERY
LET 'EM GO.
WE'LL TAKE YOU OVER A COUPLE OF NOBODIES ANY DAY!

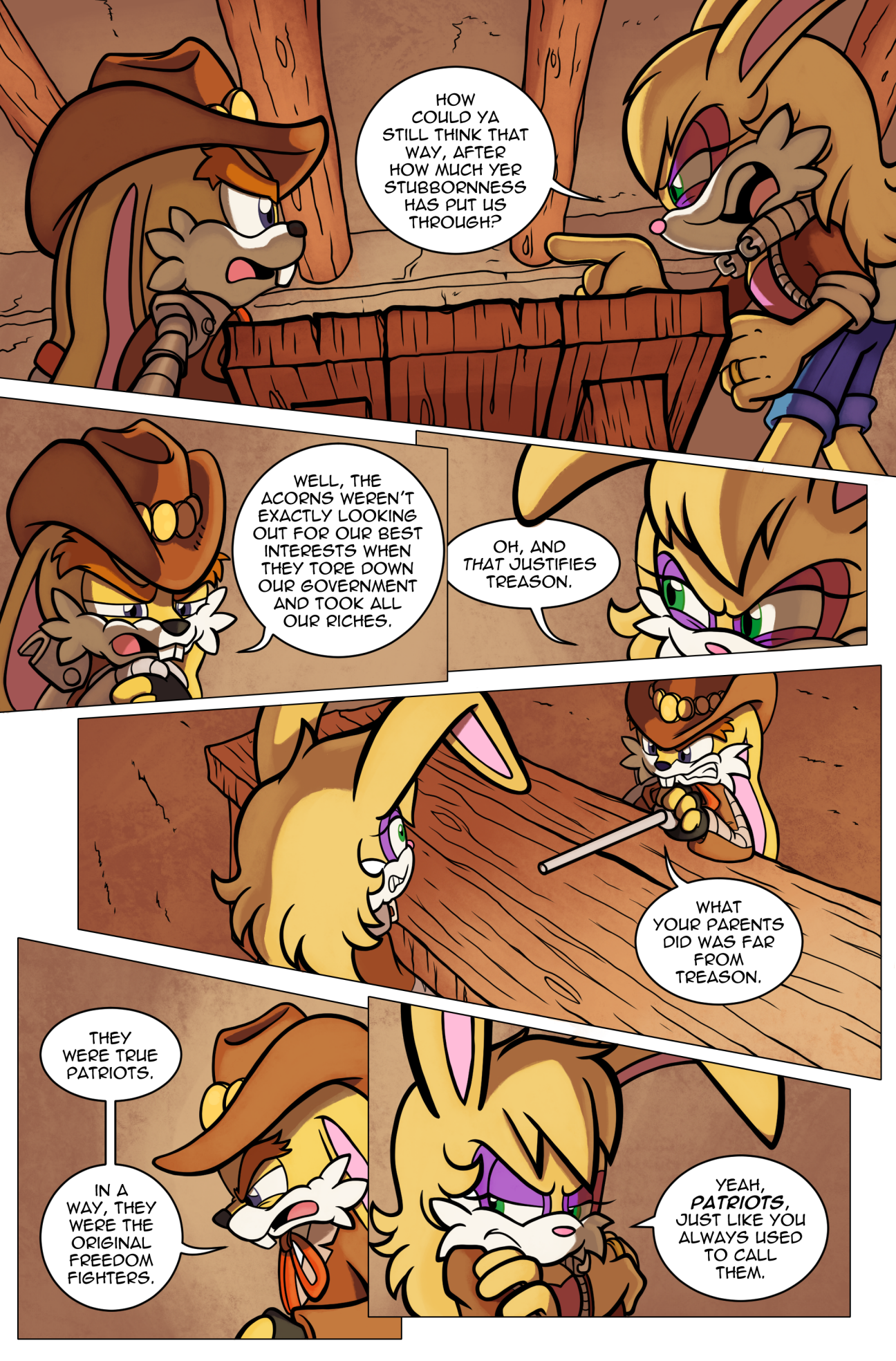
VRRRRMMM...
AGH!
THWACK!
THWACK!
GAK!
PUSH, LEGIONNAIRES! WE HAVE 'EM ON THE ROPES!
FALL BACK!
SHE'S TOO MUCH FOR US TO TAKE ON ALONE!
FWOOOOOOSH


THAT WAS AMAZING, MISS RABBOT!
D'COOLETTE.
YOU'VE REALLY TURNED THINGS AROUND FOR US SINCE YOU JOINED, BUNNIE!
I'M JUST DOIN' WHAT I NEED TO DO.

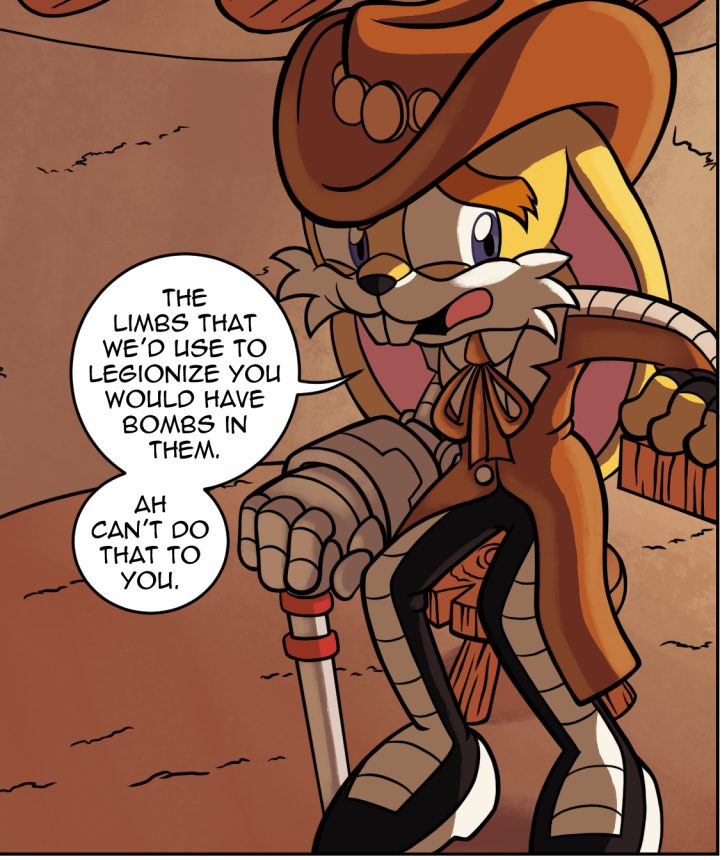
A FEW WEEKS AGO...
IT LOOKS FINE TO ME.
IT MIGHT BE MORE EFFICIENT IF WE--
BARON, YOU HAVE A GUEST...
SHE SURRENDERED IMMEDIATELY. I WASN'T SURE IF--
BUNNIE?
YOU CAN LEAVE HER HERE.
I'LL SEE TO IT SHE DOESN'T DO NO HARM.
MATILDA, WOULD YOU MIND GIVING ME AND MAH NIECE SOME PRIVACY?
OF COURSE, SIR.
WHAT BRINGS YOU HERE, BUNNIE?

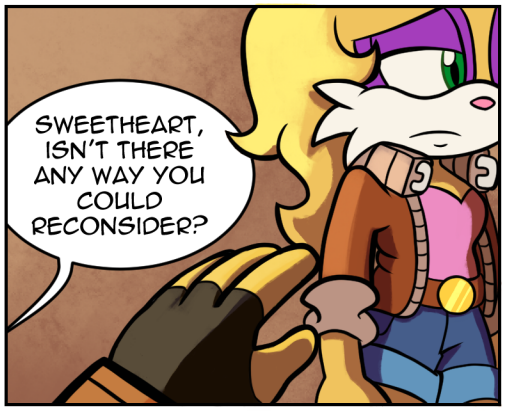
WHAT'S WRONG, BUNS?
WHAT HAPPENED TO YER...?
UNCLE BEAU...
AH NEED YOU TO LEGIONIZE ME.
TELL ME WHAT HAPPENED.


AN EXPLANATION LATER...
AH'M SORRY FOR ALL THAT'S HAPPENED TO YOU--
TO ME?!
WHAT ABOUT ANTOINE?! WHAT ABOUT SALLY?!
THEY MIGH BE YER FRIENDS, BUT AH CAN'T SAY AH HAVE MUCH SYMPATHY FOR AN ACORN OR A D'COOLETTE.
YOU...


HOW COULD YA STILL THINK THAT WAY, AFTER HOW MUCH YER STUBBORNNESS HAS PUT US THROUGH?
WELL, THE ACORNS WEREN'T EXACTLY LOOKING OUT FOR OUR BEST INTERESTS WHEN THEY TORE DOWN OUR GOVERNMENT AND TOOK ALL OUR RICHES.
OH, AND *THAT* JUSTIFIES TREASON.
WHAT YOUR PARENTS DID WAS FAR FROM TREASON.
THEY WERE TRUE PATRIOTS.
IN A WAY, THEY WERE THE ORIGINAL FREEDOM FIGHTERS.
YEAH, ***PATRIOTS***, JUST LIKE YOU ALWAYS USED TO CALL THEM.

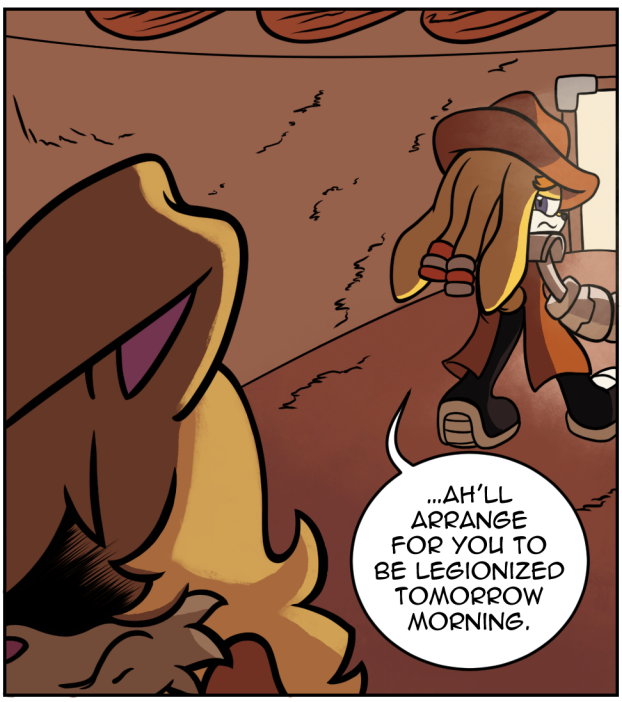
DID MAH PARENTS' "PATRIOTISM" JUSTIFY THE EFFECT IT HAD ON ME?
DID IT JUSTIFY LEAVIN' THEIR ONLY DAUGHTER BEHIND...
...ONLY TO BE KILLED BY THE VERY PEOPLE THEY WERE CONSPIRIN' WITH?
DID IT JUSTIFY LEAVIN' ME WITHOUT ANY PARENTS IN MAH LIFE?
NOW, YOU RESPECT THE MEMORY OF YER AUNT LULUMAE!
THAT ASIDE... LEGIONIZIN' YERSELF IS NOT A GOOD IDEA.

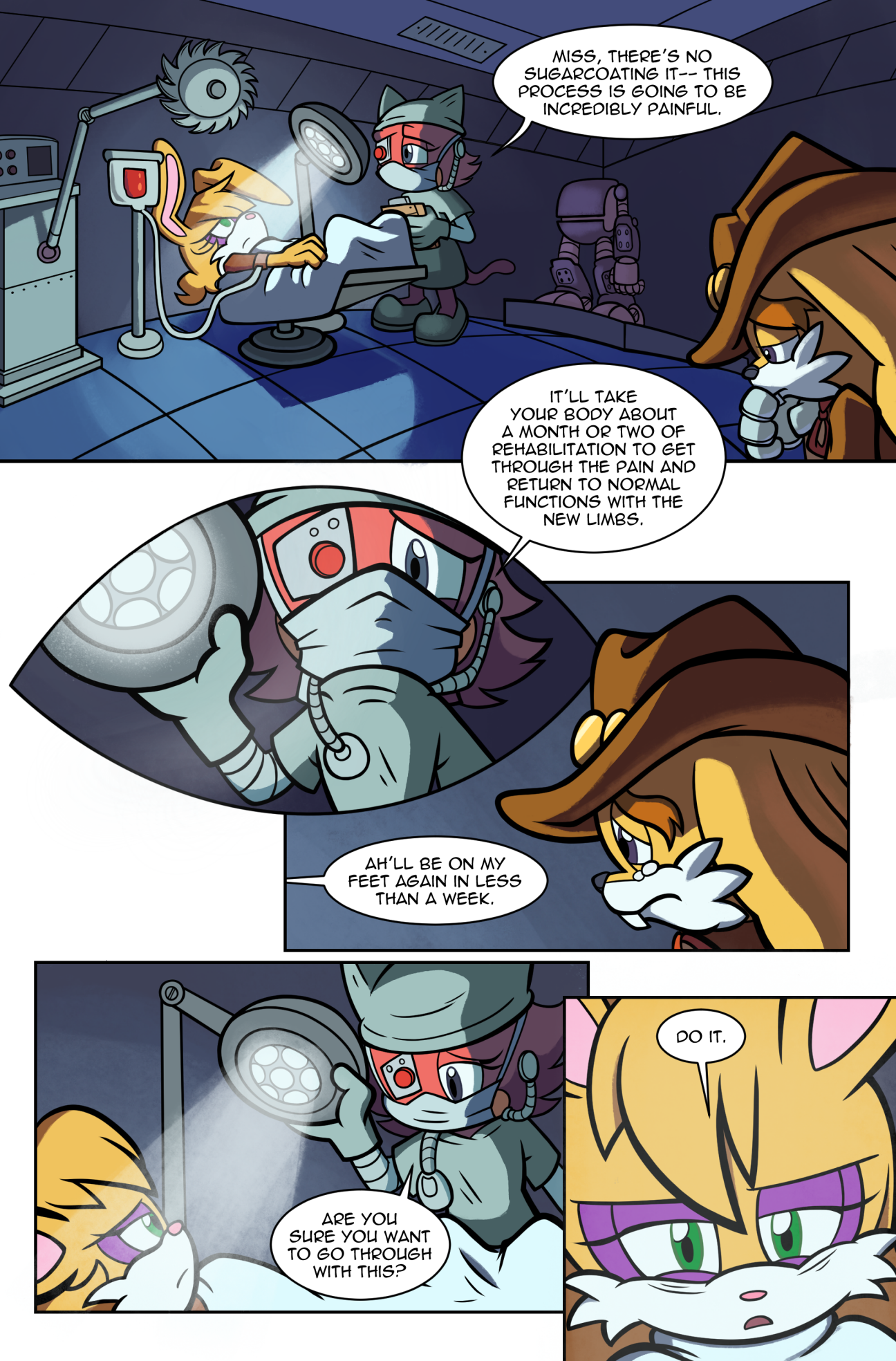

THE LIMBS THAT WE'D USE TO LEGIONIZE YOU WOULD HAVE BOMBS IN THEM.
AH CAN'T DO THAT TO YOU.


SWEETHEART, ISN'T THERE ANY WAY YOU COULD RECONSIDER?

NO.

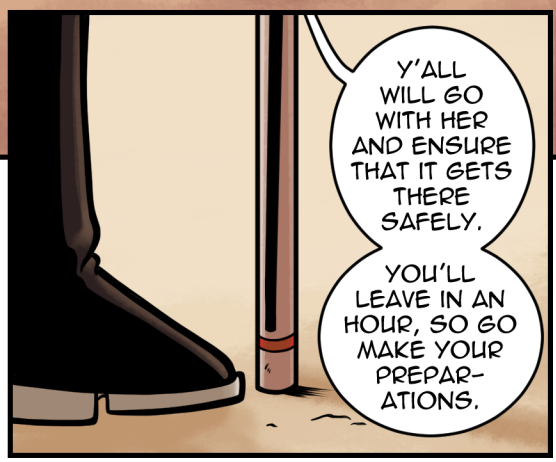
OF COURSE NOT.

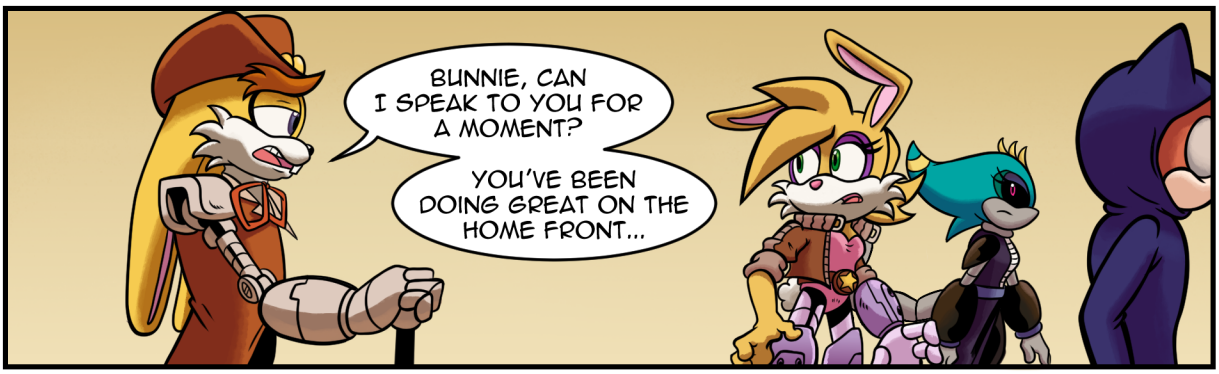

...AH'LL ARRANGE FOR YOU TO BE LEGIONIZED TOMORROW MORNING.


MISS, THERE'S NO SUGARCOATING IT-- THIS PROCESS IS GOING TO BE INCREDIBLY PAINFUL.
IT'LL TAKE YOUR BODY ABOUT A MONTH OR TWO OF REHABILITATION TO GET THROUGH THE PAIN AND RETURN TO NORMAL FUNCTIONS WITH THE NEW LIMBS.
AH'LL BE ON MY FEET AGAIN IN LESS THAN A WEEK.
ARE YOU SURE YOU WANT TO GO THROUGH WITH THIS?
DO IT.

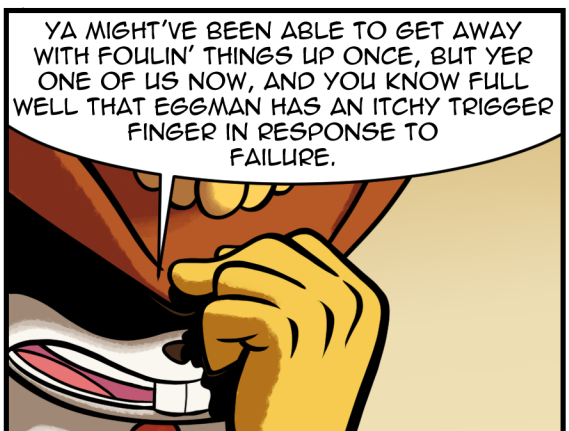
THE PRESENT DAY.
EGGMAN NEEDS AN OIL SHIPMENT MADE TO THE DRAGON KINGDOM FOR A "NEW PROJECT."
AH DON'T KNOW WHAT IT'S FOR, BUT THE LOCAL GRANDMASTER WAS PRETTY INSISTENT.

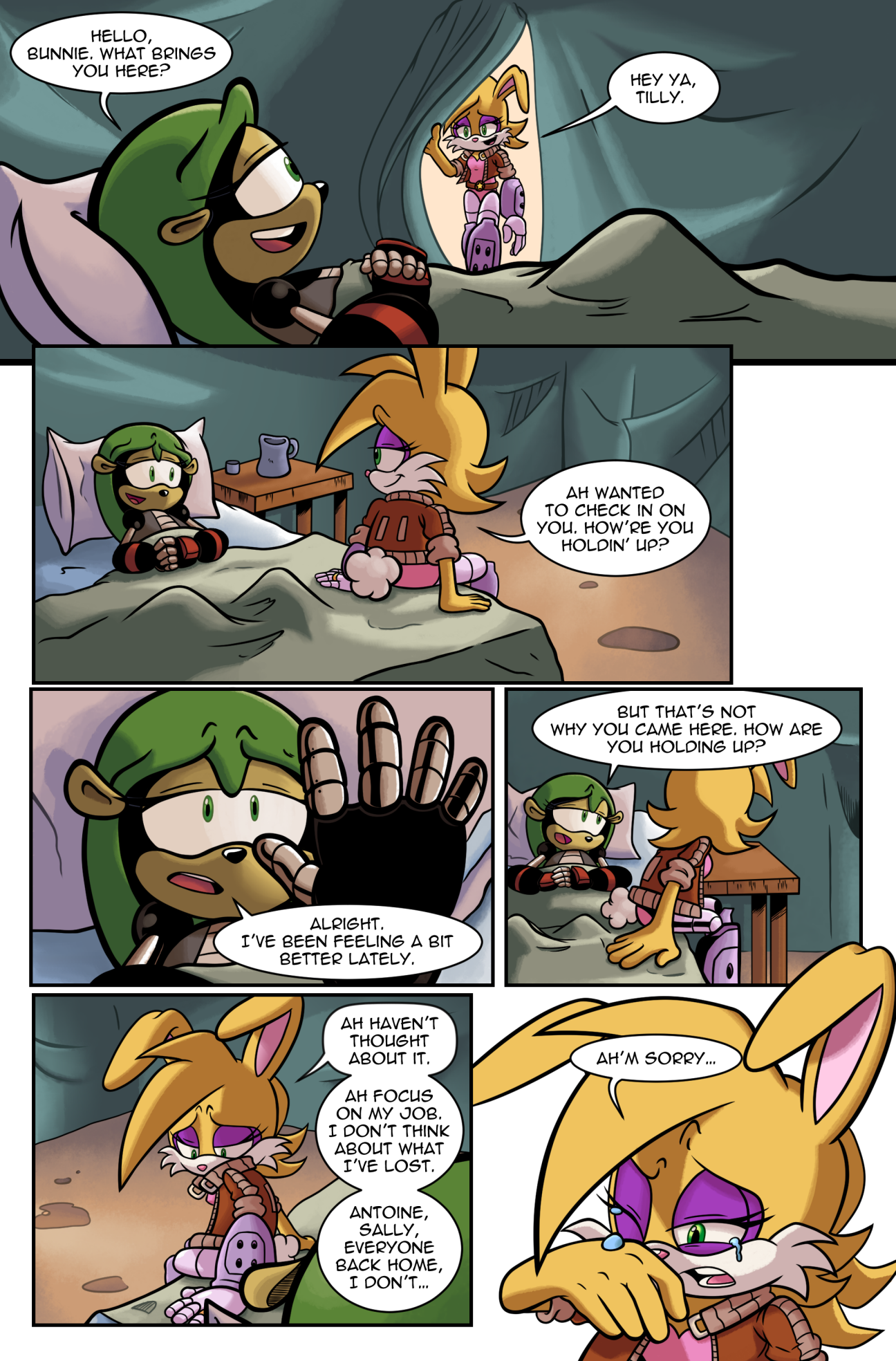
KOMMISSAR LESATH, I'M PUTTIN' YOU IN CHARGE OF THIS SHIPMENT.
YES, SIR!


Y'ALL WILL GO WITH HER AND ENSURE THAT IT GETS THERE SAFELY.
YOU'LL LEAVE IN AN HOUR, SO GO MAKE YOUR PREPAR-ATIONS.

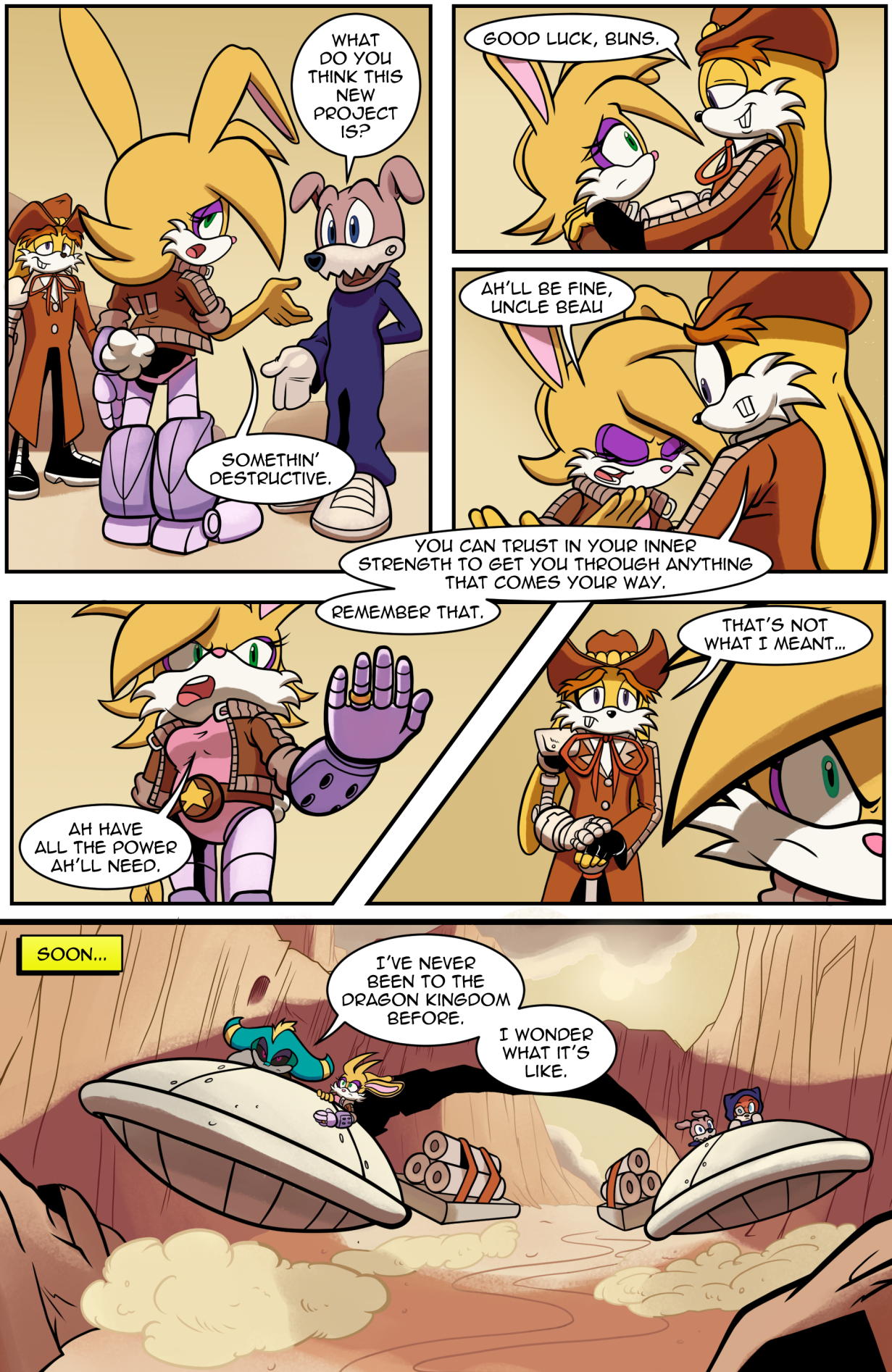

BUNNIE, CAN I SPEAK TO YOU FOR A MOMENT?
YOU'VE BEEN DOING GREAT ON THE HOME FRONT...

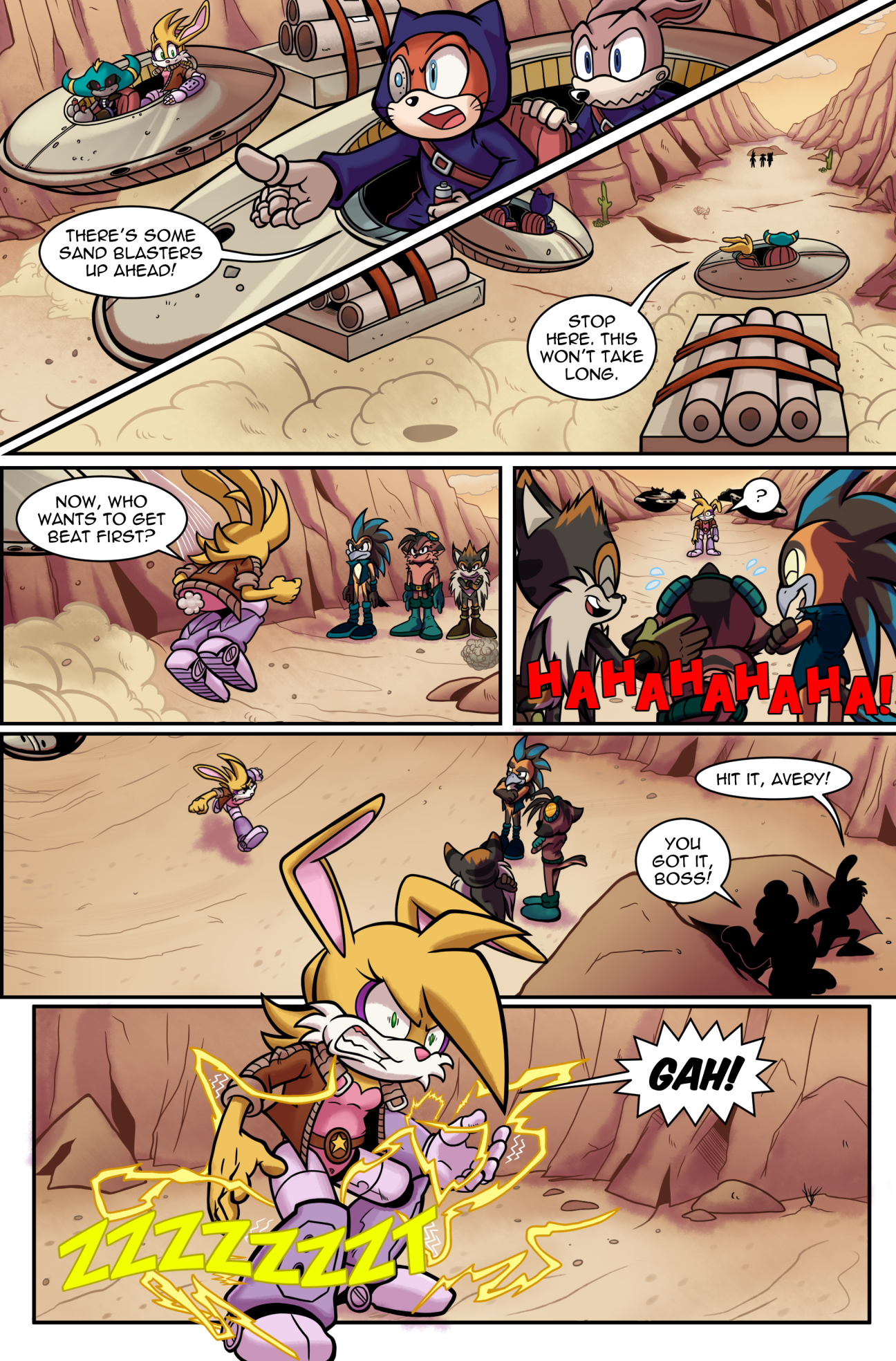
...BUT AH KNOW YOU BETTER THAN TO EXPECT IT TO LAST, AND THE LAST THING AH WANT IS A REPEAT OF OIL OCEAN.*
*STH #218

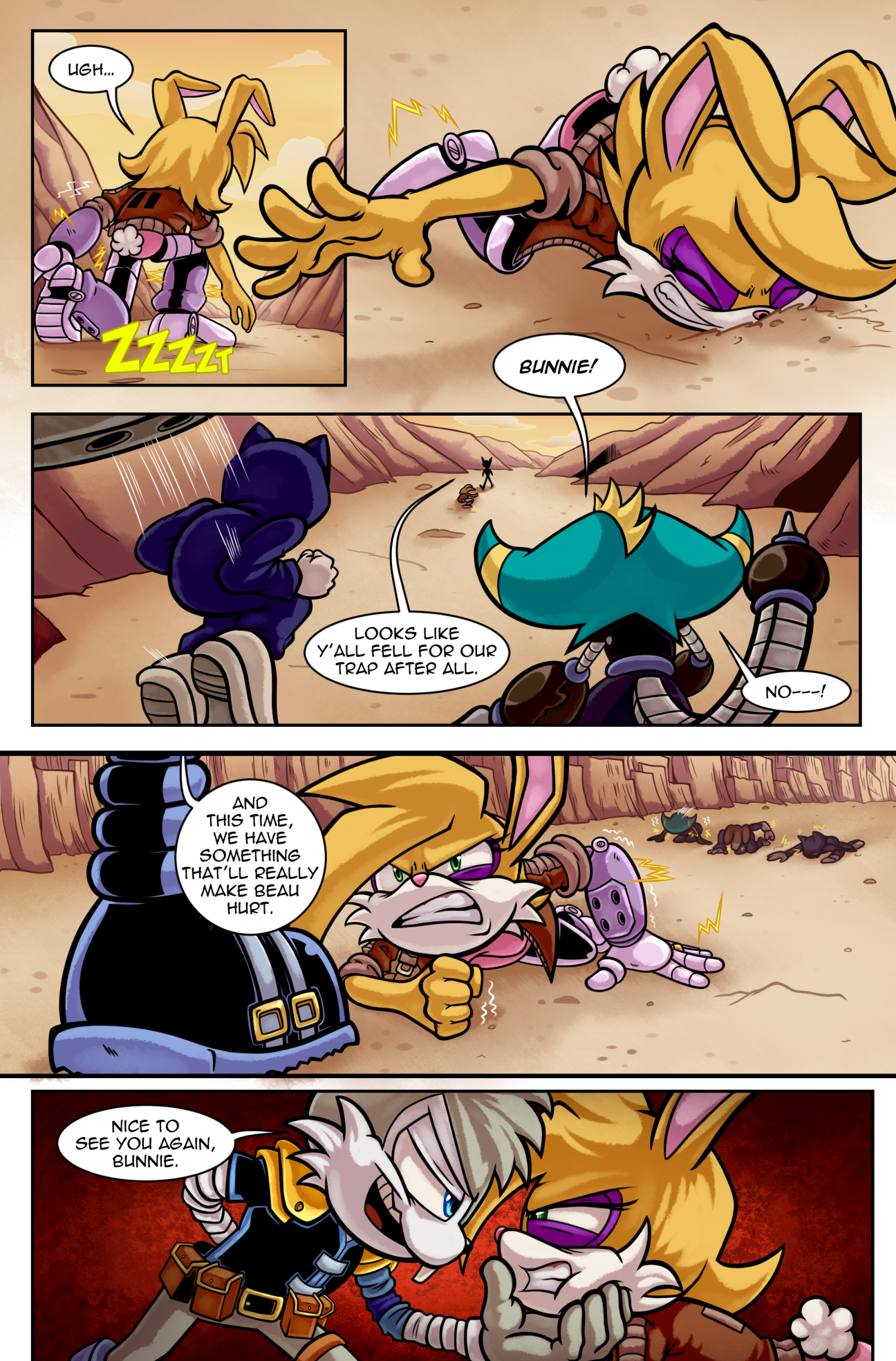

YA MIGHT'VE BEEN ABLE TO GET AWAY WITH FOULIN' THINGS UP ONCE, BUT YER ONE OF US NOW, AND YOU KNOW FULL WELL THAT EGGMAN HAS AN ITCHY TRIGGER FINGER IN RESPONSE TO FAILURE.


HELLO, BUNNIE. WHAT BRINGS YOU HERE?
HEY YA, TILLY.
AH WANTED TO CHECK IN ON YOU. HOW'RE YOU HOLDIN' UP?
ALRIGHT. I'VE BEEN FEELING A BIT BETTER LATELY.
BUT THAT'S NOT WHY YOU CAME HERE. HOW ARE YOU HOLDING UP?
AH HAVEN'T THOUGHT ABOUT IT.
AH FOCUS ON MY JOB. I DON'T THINK ABOUT WHAT I'VE LOST.
ANTOINE, SALLY, EVERYONE BACK HOME, I DON'T...
AH'M SORRY...

IT'S OKAY TO THINK ABOUT IT, BUNNIE.
I LOST TOUCH WITH MY EMOTIONS, AND IT... IT MADE ME COLD AND DISTANT.*
I DON'T WANT THAT FOR YOU.
*SU #48 & 49
I KNOW MIGHTY AND HIS FRIENDS ARE THINKING ABOUT YOU, JUST LIKE THEY ARE ABOUT ME.
NO MATTER WHAT HAPPENS OR WHERE YOU GO...
...YOU'LL ALWAYS HAVE PEOPLE WHO CARE ABOUT YOU.
...THANK YOU, TILLY. AH'LL TRY TO REMEMBER THAT.

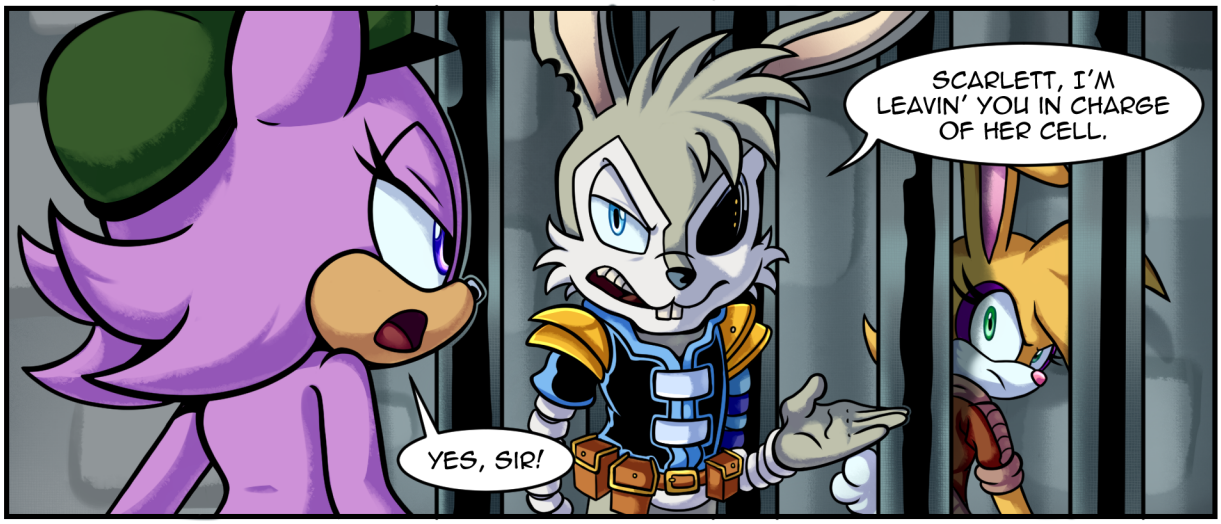

WHAT DO YOU THINK THIS NEW PROJECT IS?
SOMETHIN' DESTRUCTIVE.
GOOD LUCK, BUNS.
AH'LL BE FINE, UNCLE BEAU
YOU CAN TRUST IN YOUR INNER STRENGTH TO GET YOU THROUGH ANYTHING THAT COMES YOUR WAY.
REMEMBER THAT.
AH HAVE ALL THE POWER AH'LL NEED.
THAT'S NOT WHAT I MEANT...
SOON...
I'VE NEVER BEEN TO THE DRAGON KINGDOM BEFORE.
I WONDER WHAT IT'S LIKE.

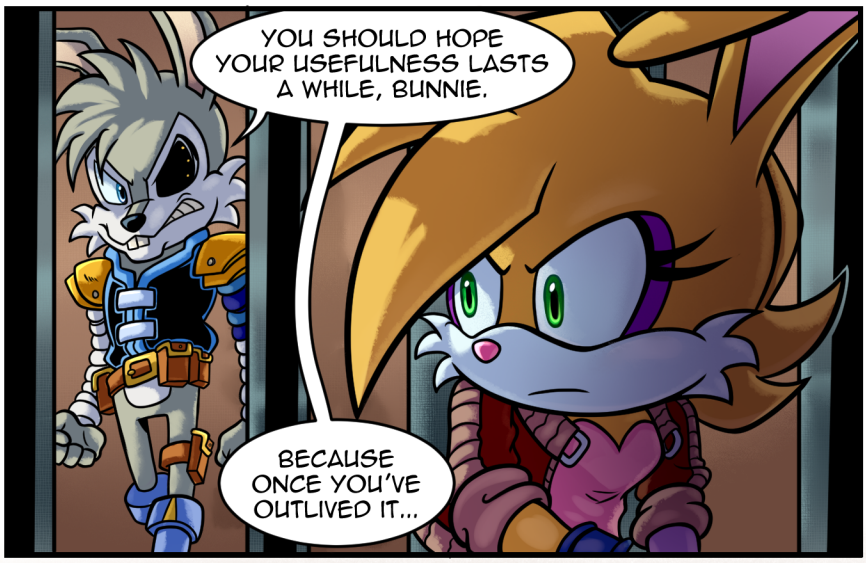

THERE'S SOME SAND BLASTERS UP AHEAD!
STOP HERE. THIS WON'T TAKE LONG.
NOW, WHO WANTS TO GET BEAT FIRST?
?
HAHAHAHAHAHA!
HIT IT, AVERY!
YOU GOT IT, BOSS!
GAH!
ZZZZZZZZ

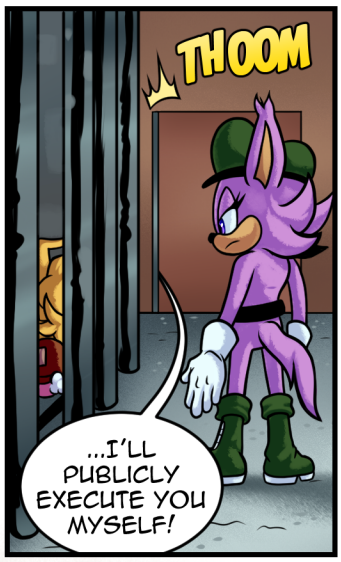

UGH...
ZZZZT
BUNNIE!
LOOKS LIKE Y'ALL FELL FOR OUR TRAP AFTER ALL.
NO---!
AND THIS TIME, WE HAVE SOMETHING THAT'LL REALLY MAKE BEAU HURT.
NICE TO SEE YOU AGAIN, BUNNIE.

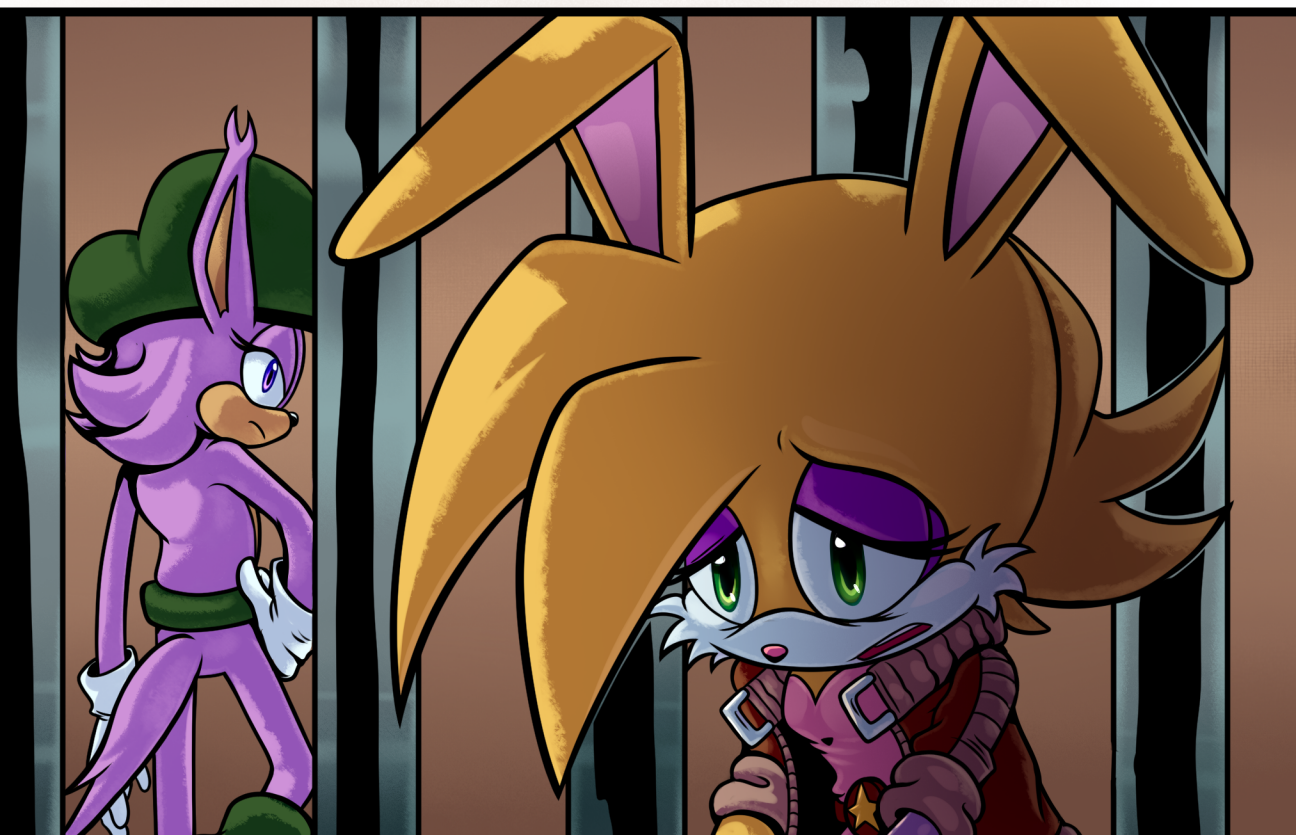
THUNK
BUNNIE! ENJOYING YER STAY?
THANKS FOR ALL THAT OIL. IT'LL BE INCREDIBLY USEFUL FOR ME AND MY CREW.
YOU BET IT WILL!
BUT THAT'S NOTHIN' COMPARED TO WHAT WE'LL GET OFF YOUR UNCLE.
HE'LL GIVE US ANYTHIN' TO GET YOU BACK!
HE'S GONNA GIVE US EVERYTHING HE'S GOT, HAHA!

QUIT YER YAPPIN', JOLT! I'M TRYIN' TO TALK!
TELL ME, JACK...
...HOW DO YA INTEND TO TORTURE ME?
...
Y-YOU'LL JUST HAVE TO WAIT AND FIND OUT!


SCARLETT, I'M LEAVIN' YOU IN CHARGE OF HER CELL.
YES, SIR!


YOU SHOULD HOPE YOUR USEFULNESS LASTS A WHILE, BUNNIE.
BECAUSE ONCE YOU'VE OUTLIVED IT...


THOOM
...I'LL PUBLICLY EXECUTE YOU MYSELF!



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It's The Sonic Spin, where we catch up with a member of the ASO crew! This issue, we've got our first interview with a writer for the series, this issue's writer Ian PK!

GentlemenX: What was your first exposure to Archie Sonic?

Ian PK: Back when I was reallllly little, my parents used to take me to this local comic shop every couple of months. Having an interest in Sonic and with Shadow's game being my favorite at the time (I could have had better taste, I know), Sonic #157's cover really jumped out at me. As far as I know, picking up and reading that comic was my very first exposure to Archie Sonic. I remember reading it over and over again and never quite comprehending what was going on. After picking up a couple more random issues over the years and filling in some of the blanks through... other means, I eventually got a subscription which started with #194 and I kept that subscription right up until the very end!

GX: What was it about Archie Sonic that got you interested in being part of Archie Sonic Online?

Ian: For me, it felt like Ian was only just getting started with his run on Archie Sonic pre-reboot. Yeah, he had been doing it for nearly 100 issues at that point, more if you include Universe, but if you really look at what was there, he was doing a lot of setup and laying the groundwork for grander things. It's very rare that a comic that runs as long as this one did to get cancelled so abruptly and not leave its fans unsatisfied. One of my dreams as a kid was to write for Archie Sonic, and with the comic cancelled, the next best thing was to help a project like this!

GX: What are you working on now? Any personal projects?

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Ian: Hmm, I'm kind of all over the place with my own projects. I've had a comic idea I've been working on on-and-off since I was a kid, but hopefullyone day the world will get to see it! 2020 is going to be a year of experimentation for me, and I have a ton of things I'm interested in exploring creatively, but time will tell if I think any of it is worthy of public consumption, haha!

Q: Any final words you have for the readers?

A: Well, this is my first full issue with ASO, and as it happens, also my last. It's a shame that it worked out like that but I felt that it was time for me to move on. I won't rule out returning one day, but in the meantime, I hope readers enjoy this and the rest of Bunnie's arc! See you guys on the flipside!

Want to follow Ian's work? Follow him on Twitter, Youtube, or Twitch!

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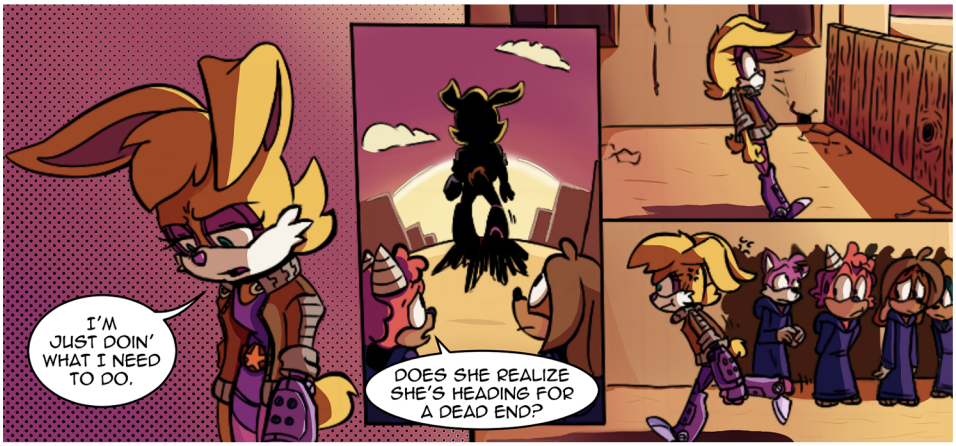

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SONIC-GRAMS

Welcome to a whole new UNIVERSE of Sonic! And a new UNIVERSE of Sonic-Grams! Let's dive right in!

I wanted to express a big thank you to everyone with the strong passion for the old Sonic Comics, and for working hard on making the stories that would've happened it the Archie Sonic Comics didn't get rebooted. Everyone works hard, and are very inspirational towards myself and many others. I wrote letters to the Archie Sonic Comics, and it feels nice getting to write to a group of dedicated people that share my love of the Sonic Comics.
P.S. Looking forward to se eingthe return of Antoine and Bunnie.
- Patrick

Thanks for the email, Patrick! We're just as excited as the rest of the fans to get to see more of these characters we all love! It may be a bit before we see more of Ant, but hopefully this issue has given you plenty of Bunnie!

To ASO, since you basically have creative freedom with using any of the video game characters, are we expected to see the Nocturnus Clan in the future?
- RocketSonic

Hey rocketsonic! There's a LOT of Sonic video game characters we'd love to introduce or feature in ASO, so we're sorry if we can't feature everyone people might ask us for. But will the Nocturnus or anything else from Sonic Chronicles be showing up? We've got some plans and that's all we can say for now!

So, I'm a little confused. Is Robo-Robotnik from the issue with all the Sonics the same as Eggman? I mean, they're both called Robo-Robotnik along with other things, but the first one comes from an alternate dimension and the second one comes from the future.
- Anon

Hi! This question's a bit tricky since it's never been really said in the book but different former writers had their own interpretations. For our puprposes, we're considering the Robo-Robotnik featured in issue 19 and the Robo-Robotnik that became Dr. Eggman as the same person. This was mentioned back in our old forums, and will be readded with the upcoming Data Files on the site.

To Sonic-Grams: A couple of quick questions. Firstly, Rabbot Rebound is stated to have three parts instead of the usual four. Why is that? And since you released your first milestone in #250, have you planned for both StHO #275 and SUO #75? I know it's way to early to be asking this, but I just want to know if you have a definite plan of action. Finally, when will the next story arc begin? Still excited for it!
- Luke J.

Hiya Luke! Rabbot Rebound just happened to more naturally fit into three parts rather than four. We're not concerned about writing the comic for a trade paperback release, so we're open to letting a story run for as long or short as it needs to tell its story. We don't have the contents of STHO 275 and SUO 75 nailed down for sure yet, but we've got TONS of plans for the future - which will stretch far past those numbers if we can. And the next arc will start once the current one ends!

That's all the space we have for Sonic-Grams this time! Join us next issue for part two of Rabbot Rebound and keep checking the site for future issues of Sonic the Hedgehog Online and Knuckles: Endangered Species too! Keep on juicin'!

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